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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: CERAMIC SUBSTRATE FOR A :
SEMICONDUCTOR-
PRODUCING/EXAMINING DEVICE

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2004, the following remarks traversing the outstanding grounds for rejection are presented:

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 13-22 are presently pending in this application.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 13-15, 17 and 21 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-4, 7 and 8 of copending Application No. 10/746,081, and Claims 16, 18-20 and 22 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, Claims 16, 18-20 and 22 were